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REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending. With this Amendment, Claims 12, 13, 16, 19, 24 and 27 are amended. The Claims and Specification have been amended to correct clerical errors. No new matter is added.

No fee is believed to be required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and thereafter notify us of the same.

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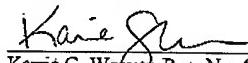
CONCLUSION

Approval of the application and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited. In the event that a phone conference between the Examiner and the Applicant's undersigned attorney would help resolve any remaining issues in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact said attorney at (651) 275-9836.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: February 10, 2004

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